National Park Service Northeast Region

West Virginia Parks and Partnerships





WV Population: 1,801,916

Park Visitation (Recreational) in 2001:

Bluestone NSR 56.896

Gauley River NRA 262,279

New River Gorge NR 1,234,028

Total acreage of National Parks in West Virginia: 85,903 acres

National Parks in the Northeast Region

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WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL PARK UNITS SERVED BY PHILADELPHIA

West Virginians have three National Park units and a part of the Appalachian Trail to share with visitors and enjoy with family and friends.

BLUESTONE NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER

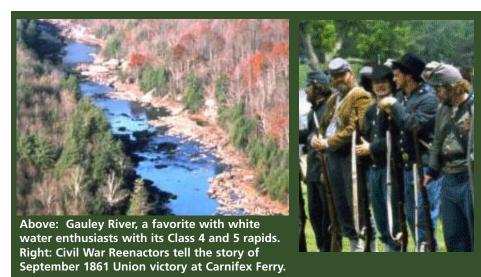
This scenic river preserves relatively unspoiled land in southwest West Virginia and contains natural and historic features of the Appalachian plateau. In its 11 miles, the lower Bluestone River

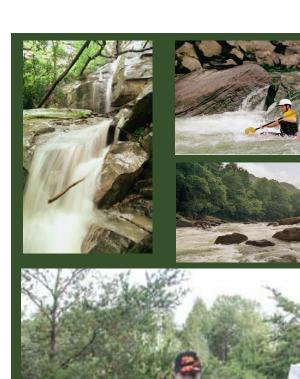
offers excellent fishing, hiking, boating, and scenery. Pipestem and Bluestone State Parks and Bluestone Hunting and Fishing Areas are located along this segment of the river. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/blue



GAULEY RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The 25 miles of the Gauley River and the 6 miles of the Meadow River pass through scenic gorges and valleys containing a wide variety of natural and cultural features. The Gauley River contains several Class V-+ rapids, making it one of the most adventurous whitewater boating rivers in the East. Both rivers also provide excellent fishing and hiking opportunities. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/gari











A collage of images from New River Gorge, from left to right: A waterfall; kayaker on the river; rapids (courtesy Kevin Seifert); trains at Thurmond; a boy with his grandparents at an overlook (Patricia Iolavera, NPS); a view from above; repelling (K. Seifert); campsite at Army Camp (NPS photo).

New River Gorge National River

A rugged, whitewater river flowing northward through deep canyons, the New is among the oldest rivers in the continent. The free-flowing 52 mile section from Hinton to Fayetteville is abundant in natural, scenic, historic, and recreational features. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/neri

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Part of the Appalachian Trail wends its way through West Virginia. Approximately 2000 miles long, the trail follows the Appalachian Mountains from Mt. Katahdin, Maine through New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, to Springer Mountain, Georgia. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/appa

For information about the WV state park system, see:

www.dnr.state.wv.us

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